

(IL-6), interleukin-11 (IL-11), leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF) and epidermal growth factor (EGF) for a time and under conditions sufficient to ameliorate the effects of or to delay onset of breast cancer in a mammal.

- 31.(New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein the mammal is a human.
- 32.(New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein the cytokine is OSM.
- 33.(New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein the cytokine is LIF.
- 34.(New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein the cytokine is IL-6.
- 35.(New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein the cytokine is IL-11.
- 36.(New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein the cytokine is EGF.
- 37.(New) A pharmaceutical composition which inhibits the proliferation of malignant breast cancer cells, said composition comprising two or more cytokines selected from the listing consisting of oncostatin M (OSM), interleukin-6 (IL-6), interleukin-11 (IL-11), leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF) and epidermal growth factor (EGF) and one or more pharmaceutically acceptance carriers and/or diluents.
- 38.(New) The method according to Claim 37 wherein the cytokine is OSM.
- 39.(New) The method according to Claim 37 wherein the cytokine is LIF.
- 40.(New) The method according to Claim 37 wherein the cytokine is IL-6.
- 41.(New) The method according to Claim 37 wherein the cytokine is IL-11.
- 42.(New) The method according to Claim 37 wherein the cytokine is EGF.

#### **REMARKS**

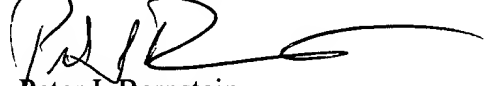
In an effort to further define the subject matter to which Applicants are entitled, claims 30-42 have been added. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice.

Support for claims 30-42 is found in original claims 1-20 and Examples 15-23, for example.

No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in this application prior to examination on the merits. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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